

IN THE DRAWINGS:

Please amend the drawings as follows:

In Figure 1:

In the process cartridge 81 in the image forming apparatus 101, change reference numeral "74" to --71--.

In the process cartridge 82 in the image forming apparatus 101, change reference numeral "74" to --72--.

In the process cartridge 83 in the image forming apparatus 101, change reference numeral "74" to --73--.

In the process cartridge 81 in the image forming apparatus 102, change reference numeral "74" to --71--.

In the process cartridge 82 in the image forming apparatus 102, change reference numeral "74" to --72--.

In the process cartridge 83 in the image forming apparatus 102, change reference numeral "74" to --73--.

In Figure 2:

Change the position of the bottom end of the transferring material P at the top of the image forming apparatus 102 to coincide with the top dotted line indicating the upper limit of the width W.

Change the position of the top end of the transferring material P at the bottom of the image forming apparatus 102 to coincide with the bottom dotted line indicating the upper limit of the width W.

In Figure 3B:

Change "LUMP" to --LAMP-- in lamp 15.

In Figure 4A:

Change "LUMP" to --LAMP-- in the turn on step at the bottom of Figure 4A.

In Figure 4B:

Change "LUMP" to --LAMP-- in the turn on step at the bottom of Figure 4B.

Remarks

Summary

The title, and Figures 1, 2, 3B, 4A, and 4B have been amended to overcome formal objections thereto. In addition, the claims and the specification have been amended to improve their form. Accordingly, the application is now in allowable condition.

Status of the claims

Claims 1-24 are pending. Claims 1-24 have been amended to improve their form. Claims 1, 10, and 18 are independent.

Requested action

Applicants respectfully request the Examiner to reconsider and withdraw the outstanding objections in view of the foregoing amendments and the following remarks.

Substitute specification

Applicants submit the attached clean and marked-up copies of a substitute specification to improve the form of the specification.

Claim amendments

Applicants have amended Claims 1-24 to improve their form.

Title objection

The Examiner requires a new title that is more indicative of the claimed invention. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objection, a new title has been provided that is even more clearly indicative of the claimed invention.

Drawing Objections

The Examiner objects to reference numeral “74” in Fig. 1 because it is used to denote cartridge memories of the cartridges (81, 82, 83) of both apparatuses (101, 102), while page 11 of the specification indicates that these memories are denoted by reference numerals 71, 72, and 73, respectively. Accordingly, the Examiner requires that the current reference numerals 81-83 be changed to reference numerals 71-73. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objection, Figure 1 has been so amended.

The Examiner objects to Fig. 2, because in apparatus 102, the interval between the transferring materials P is inconsistent with the width W also shown in Figure 2. In response, while not conceding the propriety of the objection, Figure 2 has been amended to make the interval between transferring material P the same as the width W.

The Examiner objects to Figs. 3B, 4A, and 4B, because “LUMP” should read --LAMP--. In response, these figures have been amended to correct this misspelling.

In addition, corrected formal drawings of Figures 1, 2, 3B, 4A, and 4B are enclosed.

Allowed claims

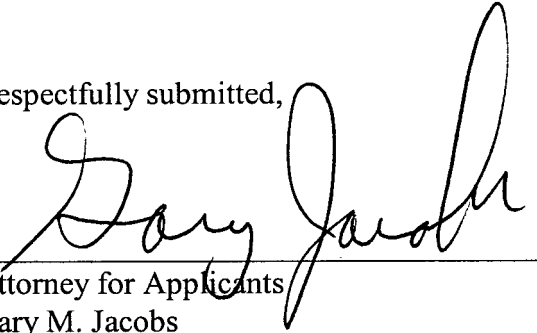
Applicants gratefully acknowledge the allowance of Claims 1-24.

Conclusion

In view of the above amendments and remarks, the application is now in allowable form and early passage to issue is respectfully solicited.

Applicants' undersigned attorney may be reached in our Washington, D.C. office by telephone at (202) 530-1010. All correspondence should continue to be directed to our address given below.

Respectfully submitted,

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